

Alligators in Chestnut Grove

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Because the alligators are well cared for, they are not a threat to anyone, and employee Vernon Hartley walks freely along the banks in close proximity as he dispenses the feed. Unlike crocodiles, says Marshall, alligators do not attack unless provoked, and there is no reason for anyone to be afraid of their presence especially'

Marshall says school systems interested in visiting the alligator farm for field trips are welcome to do so, and may contact him by phone at (334) 735-3720 or 1-800-443-7688 to arrange a suitable time.

Marshall Spivey tosses high-protein pellet food into alligator pond.



The Elba Clipper

Coffee County's Annual Farm-City Celebration set for tonight

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High School; Emily Cannon, Geord Rogers, and Lindsey Snellgrove of Enterprise High School; and Ben Bowden, Benjamin Snyder, and Kim Jordan of Enterprise State Junior College.

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR...The Coffee County Farmer's Co-op of Elba and Enterprise was selected by the Farm-City Week Committee to receive the 1998 Business of the Year Award. Pictured above (l-r) are: Ricky and Melissa Wilks, General Manager of the Enterprise Store, Jimmy and Faye Tillis, General Manager of the Elba Store; and Paul Dykes, who made the presentation.

County BOE has five-year plan

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At the beginning of the meeting,

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Elba's Annual Christmas Festival
set for next weekend Nov. 28th

face painting, and more, all ongoing right up until parade time.

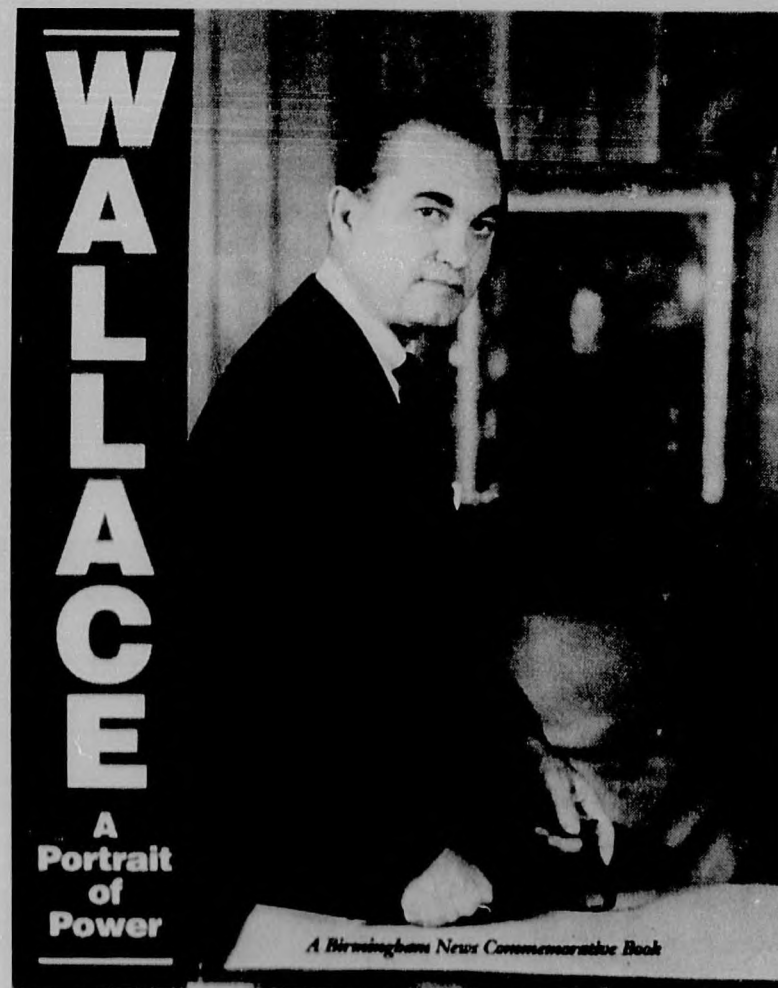
plans to come out and take advantage of these fun-filled festivities.

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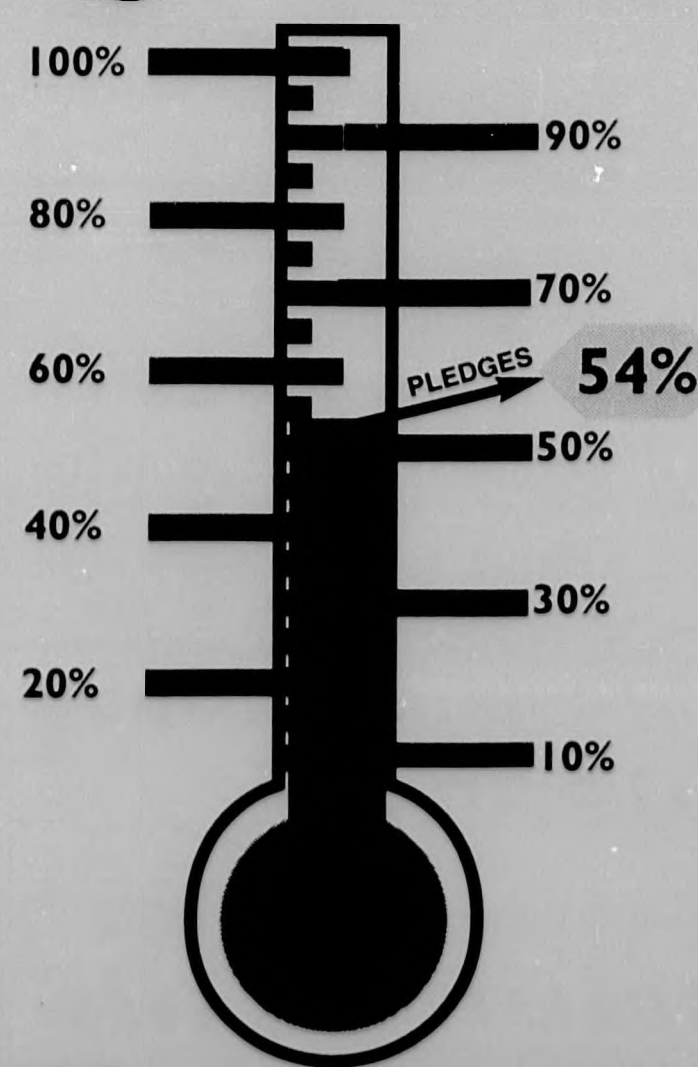
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Elba School Board reviews TV spots filmed by system students

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Area Happenings

CHRISTMAS WOODLANDS The Trawicks' "Christmas In The Woodlands" opens Monday, November 23, 1998, at 5:00 p.m. The "Woodlands" are located at 411 South Boll Weevil Circle in Enterprise, AL.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Complaints about mail delivery are nothing new. Newspaper publishers are among the loudest fussers. It may be hard to believe, but the post office department is listening and trying to do something about the problems. Most people have high praise for the postal folks on the local level but many grumble about "those others," the new postmaster general said he wanted to correct these problems and began a series of meetings across the nation with user groups. We attended a Montgomery meeting last month to address many of the problems. The Elba Postmaster David Filipo went along. In fact we rode together. The meeting was upbeat, even though the problems are many. Just last week an out-of-state reader complained to his post office of slow newspaper delivery. Our office received a phone call from that post office trying to find out what the problem was. After some adjustments, both here and there, the delivery improved and our subscriber is finally happy! When you are happy, we are happy.

Recently we heard positive words about fans from a visiting football team. Elba folks thought those from Washington County were a class act. We hope their fans went home telling people just how nice and friendly the people of Elba are. Regardless of an individual's interest in sports, this is a major window of a community. Many people follow their high school ball teams and broadcast their opinions of the ballgame, officials and the community they visited. One person can spoil the whole party or one person can leave a positive image with these visitors. Which one do you think we urge you to be?

Sunday we were invited to a social event at Ft. Rucker. Those who attended had to miss Sunday morning 11 o'clock church services. Looking around the room we commented that we should have brought our preacher with us and not even turned on the lights at church. It would have saved money and maybe those present would have gotten some much needed leadership from someone with the "right connections upstairs." Well, the Baptist in the crowd did a head count and decreed THEIR preacher should be the one invited because they were in the majority. Anyway, the food was good and the fellowship great. Oh, we tried to make up for missing morning services by listening real closely Sunday night.

There has been a scam artist working all sections of Coffee County for several months. This man, a black male, knocks on the door and recites a tale of trouble. His son was in wreck, etc. and he needs the money to go see him, is one version of the tale. Law officers are warning people to report this immediately when they are approached. The man has reportedly been arrested in Enterprise on at least two occasions, but he keeps on working the scam... apparently it is profitable.

We reported on a telephone scam recently. The information was sent to us by a good source and it is happening. However, homeowners should not worry about this 90# request. AT&T says it will not work in residential phones, only on those business phones which a person has to dial "9" to get an outside line. Anyway, AT&T doesn't need you to test their lines, they have the ability to do that themselves. Their statement is that they will never ask you to do anything like that with your telephone.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of November 10, 1998, through November 16, 1998. They were: Agnes Mack, Marvin Lindsey, Ruth Parrish, Katherine Savidge, Amanda Geddings, Eugene Brown, Miranda Taylor, Charles B. Cox, Jimmy Johnson, Tawny Jackson, Aaron L. Daniels, Myron Duncan, Jesse Robinson, Danielle Johnson, Albert Martin, Christopher Gilley, Herman Carter, Myrtice Guy, Clifton Matthews, Lucille Bowden, Curtis Kelley, Joe Dean, and Michael Nelson. Persons discharged during the same time period were: Mattie Dawkins, Jemison Gray, Katherine Savidge, Mary A. Mick, Aaron L. Daniels, Eugene Brown, Ruth Parrish, Murphree Cox, Amanda Geddings, Miranda Taylor, Charles B. Cox, Marvin Lindsey, Myron Duncan, Jesse Robinson, Danielle Johnson, Albert Martin, Christopher Gilley, Herman Carter, Myrtice Guy, Clifton Matthews, Joe Dean, and Michael Nelson.

Buckle up - No excuses

The Elba Police Department joins the expanded national crackdown on drivers who don't buckle up children.

With the official backing of over 1,000 civic, corporate and advocacy organizations nationwide, more than 5,000 law enforcement agencies across the country have launched the second wave of Operation ABC Mobilization. The operation will run from November 23 through November 29, 1998. Elba police officers are participating in this largest-ever coordinated crackdown on drivers who don't buckle up children by stepping up enforcement of Alabama's child passenger safety laws throughout the Thanksgiving holiday.

"Tens of thousands of law enforcement officers in all 50 states will be out in force protecting chil-

dren from the greatest danger they face - being unrestrained in a crash," said Janet Dewey, Executive Director of the Air Bag & Seat Belt Safety Campaign, a sponsor of Operation ABC Mobilization.

"For the first time, this nationwide enforcement drive of child passenger safety laws has the official support of more than 1,000 organizations across the country - this is the kind of broad community-based movement we need to save children's lives," she continued.

The Thanksgiving Mobilization comes on the heels of an extremely successful Mobilization last Spring, around Memorial Day. According to the U. S. Department of Transportation, observational surveys before and after last Mobilization showed six million more people buckling up. This translates into an estimated 670 lives saved each year if these people continue to use their seat belt.

In addition, a survey by the National Safety Council showed fatalities dropped by more than 35 percent during the Memorial Day holiday, despite the increased road travel.

"The impact of the last Mobilization clearly illustrates that high-visibility enforcement works," said Elba Police Chief R. W. "Rommie" Whitworth. "That is why the Elba Police Department is joining law enforcement across the country to build on our success and, once again, send a clear message to America: 'The law requires that children be buckled up at all times. If they're not, drivers WILL get a ticket. No exceptions. No excuses.'"

BULLETIN BOARD

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• ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon-First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall.

• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall.

• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.

• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center.

• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office.

• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. - 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 7 p.m. Rescue Sq. Bldg.

• MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m.

• BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School.

• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858.

• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. Club House.

• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Cotton Inn, Enterprise.

• AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tuesday at noon, City Hall Conference Room.

• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.

• CIVIL A.S. PATROL - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Driscoll Center.

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Elba Police Report

Old Curtis Road (8:29 p.m.).

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 - River stage - 4.61 feet (6:13 a.m.); Rescue squad dispatched to a residence on AL Hwy. 134W (1:57 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Jackson Avenue (5:45 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Payne Street (8:28 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Martin Luther King Drive (11:34 p.m.).

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 - River stage - 4.38 feet (6:21 a.m.); Rescue squad dispatched to a residence on Cedar Lane Drive (2:43 p.m.); Report of a prowler on Plant Avenue (10:32 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported on Ann Street (10:50 p.m.).

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 - River stage - 4.26 feet (6:29 a.m.); Routine activity.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - River stage - 4.44 feet (6:29 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Westside Baptist Church (11:15 a.m.); Rescue squad dispatched to a residence on AL Hwy. 87N (5:27 p.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Medical Center Enterprise (7:54 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 - River stage - 3.94 feet (6:04 a.m.); Disturbance (possible fight) reported at Smith-Harper Apartments (5:13 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Smith-Harper Apartments (5:24 p.m.); Rescue squad dispatched to a residence on

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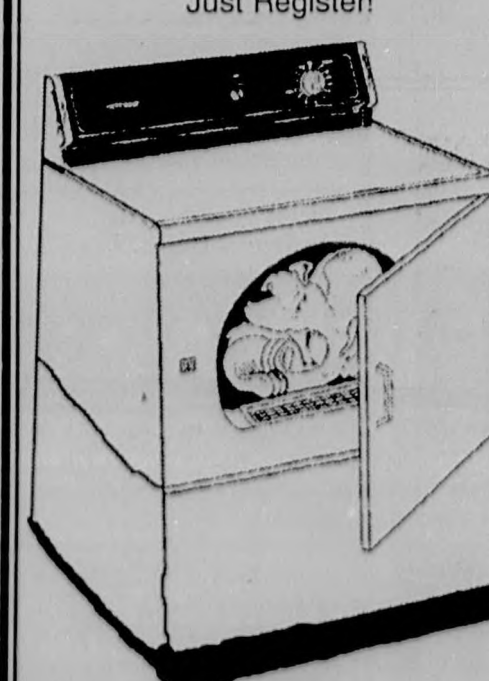
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am writing concerning a recent problem I had with the Coffee County Dept. of Human Resources (DHR). I hope this letter motivates all who encounter such problems to do something and not just sit back and let it continue to happen.

The Coffee County DHR recently issued a child support check to the wrong person, someone not even in our household, and that was almost two months ago.

As of Nov. 3, my children still haven't received that money. And to make it worse, even though they made the mistake, I had to make several calls to their office to get anyone to find out what was going on.

I was also asked to contact the person who paid the child support and find out how the clerk could have made the mistake. It all boiled down to a careless mistake which DHR did own up to. However, the process it takes to fix this kind of mistake leaves the children paying for DHR's carelessness. The procedures for fixing such a "mess-up" demands that the person who should have received the money wait for the department to contact the person who received the check, and if already cashed and spent, they are allowed to work out a payment plan.

After this the department has to request an adjustment to the Montgomery office. This is, and I quote Sheila Lane, field supervisor

in the Montgomery office, "a lengthy process." Our children's needs should not have to be put on hold for DHR's carelessness mistakes. Because of the procedures, we are paying for their mistakes when we are asked to wait even longer for the support it sometimes takes years to get in the first place.

MARSHA JORDAN

EXPRESS
YOUR VIEWS
WRITE A LETTER
TO THE EDITOR

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CBOE

A swearing-in ceremony was held for two members of the board - one newly elected member and one re-elected member.

District Judge Steven Blair administered the oath of office to Mrs. Joyce Barksdale, who was re-elected to the board without opposition, and to Jimmy Clark, who won his first term on the board in the November 3rd election.

The board also re-elected Charles Walker as chairman of the board

and Danny Jernigan to continue serving as vice chairman.

Other matters acted on by the board consisted of the following: ***Accepted the lone bid of \$175 from Chris Foley to tear down and remove the old Basin School building. The property was not sold and still belongs to the Coffee County School System.

***The per-day expense allowance for personnel on out-of-state travel was increased from

Silver Sands
stores
plan for big

Silver Sands Factory Stores will have a special pre-holiday sale Nov. 20 - 22. The stores, located eight miles east of Destin on U.S. Hwy. 98, are stocked with designer merchandise, from clothing to toys, books, food items. There is plenty of parking.

During this month customers may register to win \$5,000 in gift certificates, redeemable at any of the center's stores. No purchase is necessary, and the winner does not have to be present.

Also, shoppers are invited to join Silver Sands in supporting Harvest House, a local organization that donates food and new toys to those in need. Non-perishable food items and a new toy may be brought.

Johnathan Folmar is grad of National Guard school

Army National Guard Pfc. Jonathan E. Folmar has graduated from the heavy-wheeled vehicle mechanic course at Ft. Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Folmar is the son of Walter D. and Margaret Folmar of Rt. 2, Brantley, and is a 1998 graduate of Brantley High School.

DHR is sponsoring
Operation Santa Claus

The Department of Human Resources is again sponsoring "Operation Santa Claus" to bring Christmas to children who might otherwise not experience a joyful one.

Assisting in the purchase, organization and distribution of items to the children of families who qualify are Pairs and Spares Sunday School Class at Elba United Methodist Church; Coffee County Extension Service Volunteers; and other local volunteers.

In addition to collected toys, the goal of the project is to purchase at least one item on each child's Christmas list, and to make this possible, monetary donations are also needed. These contributions will benefit approximately 150 children in the Elba and Jack areas.

All donations of toys and money for Operation Santa Claus should be delivered to the Elba Police Dept. by Dec. 5. Individuals, church groups, and businesses also may sponsor families by purchasing and delivering Christmas items personally, in which case these families' names will be removed from the Operation Santa Claus list, to avoid

duplication. DHR will provide names and information of families to be sponsored.

Contributions may be mailed to Operation Santa Claus, P.O. Drawer 1, Elba, AL 36323, made payable to "Operation Santa Claus."

For more information contact DHR at 347-5865, or Pairs and Spares Sunday School Class at 897-2698.

ELBA

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department requirements. The complete building and repair plan totals \$560,000 and will be funded from a state bond issue.

Superintendent Charles Pearce updated the board on additional FEMA grants expected for the erosion control project. He said that with the additional funds, the successful low bidder, S. A. Graham, should be able to complete the entire project.

Board members and visitors were given copies of the school system's report card from the state office. It measured the system on attendance, percentage of students who graduate, ACT test scores, student tested achievements in relationship to measured abilities, local support revenues, average daily attendance and expenditures per child.

The Elba system's scores ranged from A's to D's. Board members were told that in the testing area where Elba students were rated as D, that was the state average.

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AREA DEATHS

ROBERT LLOYD DAWSON
Mr. Robert Lloyd Dawson died Nov. 9, 1998, at the VA Medical Center in Montgomery.

He was born June 20, 1950, in Brantley, Ala.

Funeral services were held Nov. 14, 1998, at 1 p.m. at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Brantley, with Rev. Harry Driggers officiating. Burial was in Mt. Zion Church Cemetery, with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Susan Dawson, Brantley; two sons: Jatum Dawson, Hopkinsville, Ky.; Carlo Griggs, Minneapolis, Minn.; two stepsons: Robin Head, Opp; Gabriel Head, Elba; a sister: Elizabeth (Maxwell) Hudson, Riviera Beach, Fla.; a brother: Jimmie (Betty) Dawson, Luverne; four step-grandchildren.

CHARLES RANDALL HUDSON
Mr. Charles Randall Hudson, age 37, of Elba, died Nov. 14, 1998, at his home.

Funeral services were held Nov. 15, 1998, at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Mike Medley and Dr. Tony Dye officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Tathana Ann Hudson; a son: Bobby R. Hudson; two daughters: Heather

Michelle Hudson and Brittany Nicotia; his mother and sons-in-law: Mary and Elder Ricky Elam, Ft. Lee, Va.; Christina and Billy Parker, Elba; Carol and Rev. Landy Magwood, Enterprise; his son: Minister Floyd Walker Jr., Clio; his mother: Arrie Walker, Clio; sisters: Catherine Armstrong, Columbus, Ga.; Fay Owens, Clio, Ellen Calhoun, Columbus, Ga.; Quovadis Galloway, Atlanta, Ga.; brother: Gene Walker, ten grandchildren.

ELDER FLOYD WALKER SR.
Elder Floyd Walker Sr. died Nov. 11, 1998, at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. Landy Magwood, in Enterprise.

He was born Aug. 26, 1933, in Clio, Ala.

Funeral services were held Nov. 16, 1998, at 1 p.m. at Harris Temple Church of God in Christ, Elba, with Pastor Elder William K. Elison and Preacher-Apostle Joe L. Payne officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Retha Walker, Elba; daughter, Deborah

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One of the great pleasures of serving in public office is the opportunity to make new friends, and, hopefully, make a difference in the lives of the people you represent.

Even though we were not successful in our 1998 campaign we may take comfort in the famous Teddy Roosevelt quote:

"It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the door of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while doing greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

Again, thanks for the opportunity to serve.

Congratulations and good luck to Terry Spicer.

Sincerely,
Garrett Moore

LIFESTYLES

Emilee Michaela Hudson is 2 years old



Emilee Michaela Hudson

Emilee Michaela Hudson celebrated her second birthday Oct. 10, at her home with friends and family members. Theme of her party was "Elmo," and she received many nice gifts. Emilee is the daughter of Tim and Michelle Hudson of Elba. She is the granddaughter of Jerry and Judy Hudson, Mascotte, Fla.; Adele Owens, Apopka, Fla.; and Floyd and Elaine Bryant, Opp.

Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Brunson to be honored on 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Jack R. Brunson will be honored on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Dec. 12. The event will be a holiday celebration hosted by their children and grandchildren from five until seven o'clock in the evening at Aunt B's Bed and Breakfast in Elba. All friends of the couple are invited, and they ask that gifts be omitted.

Azalea Garden Club members exchange plants

The Azalea Garden Club met Nov. 11 at the home of Mrs. Aubrey Wright. Members present were Mrs. Walter Cox, Mrs. Charles Eastburn, Mrs. Richard Girdner, Mrs. L.F. Inman, Mrs. Don Kelly, Mrs. Oscar Vaughan Jr., Mrs. Buddy Shively and Mrs. Ed Cooper.

Each member brought a bulb or plant for exchange.

October Yard of the Month was awarded to Denise's Hair and Nail Salon, Denise Sauls, owner.

November Yard of the Month went to Amorette Helms on Simmons Street.

Elba graduate is Teacher of The Year



Marilyn Arnold Brannen

Marilyn Arnold Brannen, vocational teacher at Jordan High School in Columbus, Ga., recently earned the title of Region II Vocational Teacher of the Year. Brannen began teaching a Family Living Class at the school in August.

To win the award Brannen competed against more than 15,000 vocational teachers from diverse locations. She retired in May from the Phenix City School System, where she was selected as Alabama State Vocational Association's "Alabama Vocational Teacher of the Year" several months ago. While there she directed "New Beginnings," a vocational program aimed at keeping teen moms in school and helping them graduate or get General Equivalency Diplomas. "I feel it's my job to teach students skills they will use to become members of the work force," said Brannen.

Brannen, the daughter of Ruby Gray, Rt. 2, Elba, is a 1965 graduate of Elba High School, a 1967 graduate of Enterprise Junior College, and a 1969 graduate of Auburn University. She received her Master's degree from Troy State in 1993.

Brannen is married to J.W. Brannen, chief appraiser for Russell County, and they reside in Phenix City.

Humane Society to have party

The Coffee County Humane Society will host a Christmas party for the animals at the shelter on Saturday, Dec. 5, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to help decorate the Christmas tree for the residents of the animal shelter. Donations of cash and checks made out to the CHS can be clipped to the tree as decorations. Punch and cookies will be served and treats will be available for the animals.

The Coffee County Humane Society is located at 25944 Highway 84, Enterprise, Frank Spreeman, president, phone 393-1743.



Tanner Blake Horton

Opal Westbrook is 84 years young

Opal Westbrook, a resident of Elba Nursing Home, celebrated her 84th birthday Nov. 4, with family and friends.

Mrs. Westbrook has three children: Mack Westbrook, Wayne White and Chip Westbrook.

Great-grandparents are Joan and Benny Wilkerson, Elba; Joyce and Leon Miller, Elba; and Nellie and Travis Smith, New Brockton.

Grandparents are Pam Bogges, Elba, and Vibra and Danny Smith, Victoria Community.

Great-grandparents are Joan and Benny Wilkerson, Elba; Joyce and Leon Miller, Elba; and Nellie and Travis Smith, New Brockton.



Mr. & Mrs. S. David Brown

Brown - Rezai wedding held in the Memorial Chapel at Stanford University

Nina Rezai of San Carlos, Calif., became the bride of S. David Brown, also of San Carlos, Calif., formerly of Greencastle, Ind., May 2, 1998, at three o'clock in the afternoon at Memorial Chapel, Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif.

The bride is the daughter of Bert Brown of Bloomington, Ind., served as his brother's best man.

Other groomsmen were Michael Brown, Alexandria, Va.; brother of the groom, and Pouya Rezai of San Carlos, Calif.; brother of the bride.

Michael Brown read the Scripture and Pouya Rezai read a Persian poem.

The bride's dress and veil were handmade by her mother.

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Shiloh Baptist Church to have Singing

Shiloh Baptist Church on the Kinston Highway will have a singing Saturday, Nov. 21, beginning at 7 p.m.

Featured singers will be the Williamson Family from Crestview, Fla. Everyone is invited.

Hillcrest Baptist Church to sponsor Rebecca St. James Concerts

Rebecca St. James will appear in concert at Enterprise High School auditorium Saturday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. The concert is being sponsored by Hillcrest Baptist Church of Enterprise.

A 21-year-old contemporary Christian singer, Rebecca was born in Australia and performed with Carman when she was only 13 years old. After family moved to the United States, she began recording at age 16. Her ministry is a family affair, always including her parents and six siblings. In her messages to audiences, she talks about family relationships, and stresses commitments from teens to remain virgin until marriage.

A love offering will be received at the concert. Tickets to the concert are \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door, and may be purchased at Hillcrest Baptist Church, Enterprise, Sweet Blends Coffee Shop, Enterprise; Dove Christian Supply, Dothan; and Shout of Jericho Christian Supply, Troy.

For more information call 334/437-2516. Ernie Haase will appear in concert at Hillcrest Baptist Church Sunday, Dec. 6, at 6:30 p.m. He began singing professionally at age 21, with the Squire Parsons Gospel group, and there he began songwriting.

Ernie is the tenor singer of the Cathedral Quartet, having been associated with them since 1990. He has appeared on numerous television programs, including those of Charles Stanley and The Statler Brothers.

A love offering will be received at the concert. Hillcrest Baptist is located at 500 Alberta Street in Enterprise, adjacent to Bates Memorial Stadium.

Noted pianist to perform at St. Luke UMC

Noted pianist and composer Todd David Baker will perform at St. Luke United Methodist Church in Enterprise Nov. 29, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

First in the Wendis M. Morrow Memorial Concert series, Baker will perform a variety of pieces to include arrangements of favorite hymns, Christmas compositions as well as original compositions.

The public is invited to the free concert. A reception in the fellowship hall will follow the performance.

The church is located at 201 Heath Street in Enterprise.

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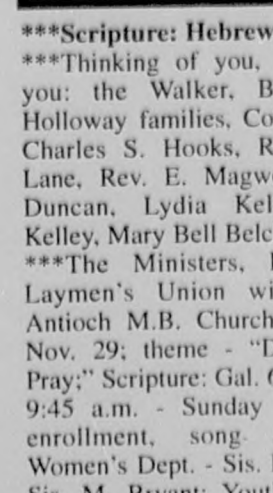
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ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006



11 a.m. service - presiding officer - Sis. Carolyn Williams; Order of Service YPD; instrumental solo - Bro. James Snell; speaker - Rev. Paul Phillips; 3 p.m. - presiding officer - Rev. Freddy Flowers; devotional - Johns Chapel, Shady Grove, St. Stephens, music - Male Chorus of Stringer Street; welcome/occasion - Sis. Eva Miller; Scripture - Rev. U. Kinney; prayer - Rev. Parker; introduction of speaker - Sis. Susie Johnson; speak - Rev. Samuel Smith, Stringer Street A.M.E. Church, Dothan

***Youth Need to Know - African American History: November - Monthly Motivation - All mothers are handicapped - they have only two hands - Enola P. McMillan, first woman to become executive director of NAACP.

Timeline 1957: The District of Columbia Bar Association admits African American members for the first time.

Timeline 1965: President Lyndon Johnson signs the Voting Rights Act, outlawing literacy tests for voting eligibility in the South.

Did you know? Harriet Tubman helped more than 300 blacks escape from slavery... The Church of God in Christ, the fourth largest African American denomination in the United States, contributes \$68 billion annually to the Gross National Product... James M. Rodger Jr., of Durham, N.C., was the first African American to be named Teacher of the Year in 1962. African American History Calendar

***Milton Belcher, Bettye and Kiki of Montgomery visited Grover and Eria Belcher the past weekend.

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Space Camp to be held at Westgate Assembly

"Adventures in Space" Camp will be held at Westgate Assembly of God in Enterprise Nov. 21, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. All kids ages 4 - 11 are invited to attend.

There will be music, puppets, Bible lessons, science concepts, games, crafts and much more.

A noon meal and afternoon snack will be provided.

Theme for the month is "Be Prepared." Planet points will be awarded for things such as being present, bringing a Bible, bringing an offering, and bringing someone, and at the end of the day, the points

will be converted into "Space Bucks" to purchase prizes at the General Store.

Call 393-2761 for more information or to register.

Indian Creek Church to have Christmas pageant December 12

Indian Creek Church will have their annual Christmas pageant Saturday, Dec. 12, at 2 p.m. in the Rutledge Community Center, Hwy 10, Rutledge, Ala.

Ages will be 0 - 12, and the attire Sunday dress.

To register call Angela Taylor, at 335-3606 by Dec. 5.

SBDC to counsel small business owners

A representative from the Small Business Development Center at Troy State University will be present at the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce, where it maintains a resource center, on Thursday, Nov. 19, 9:30 a.m. until noon. Interested persons must call 347-0581 to set up an appointment.

Counseling services for small businesses are provided to individuals monthly at the resource center at no charge.

Coffee Baptist to hold Evangelism Rally

An Evangelism Rally being held today (Thursday, Nov. 19) at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Enterprise, hosted by Coffee Baptist Association.

Visiting speakers on the program are fulltime Alabama Baptist evangelists.

Three sessions are offered throughout the day: 9 a.m. - 12 noon; 1:15 - 4:15 p.m., and 6:30 - 8 p.m.

The public is invited.

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NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

Walter Faulk, Pastor

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship - 10:00 a.m.

Even. Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Tony Dyer, Pastor

Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.

Even. Service - 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Danny Maddux, Pastor

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

WISE HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Kenneth Hagler, Pastor

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Service - 7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST

Seaborn Wooten, Pastor

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.

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WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

Mike Medley, Pastor

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service - 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Rev. Keith Price, Pastor

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH

SCHOOLS

Co-Op Spotlight



This week's Co-Op Spotlight focuses on Natasha Bannin. Natasha is an employee at the Elba Nursing Home where she serves as activities coordinator and also assists with office work.

She is the daughter of Lilly Bannin and is a junior at Elba High School. Natasha is a member of VICA, Sr. Beta, the Elba Staff and is also involved in the youth council, drama team, and Bible Quiz team at Elba First Assembly of God.

After high school Natasha plans to attend the University of Alabama at Birmingham majoring in Radiology or Elementary Education.

SUPPORT The 1999 Elbala Staff Buy An AD

Deadline For Social News Is 5:00p.m. Monday!

Tiger Tales



Anna Maddox

Editor

Daniel Murdock

Editor

SENIOR PORTRAITS HAVE ARRIVED

by: Glenn Davis

For all of the seniors who ordered senior portraits, their pictures arrived Monday, November 2. The seniors were very excited to receive their portraits and there were no complaints. The portraits were taken by English Photography and if anyone has any questions or comments contact the Journalism staff or Cara English.

Elba Elementary School Menu

Nov. 23 - 24, 1998

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cinnamon Toast or Cereal, Half Apple, Juice, Milk	Monday - Hot Dog, Potato Tots, Baked Beans, Mixed Fruit, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes or Cereal, Syrup, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Turkey & Dressing, Cranberry Sauce, Garden Peas, Candied Yams, Half Orange, Bread, Milk
Wednesday - Thanksgiving Holidays	Wednesday - Thanksgiving Holidays
Thursday - Thanksgiving Holidays	Thursday - Thanksgiving Holidays
Friday - Thanksgiving Holidays	Friday - Thanksgiving Holidays

Piland's Class 4-H Club Meets

On Thursday, Oct. 22, Mrs. Piland's 6th grade class had 4-H. This was our second meeting of the year.

On our first meeting we picked activities on what we are going to do. On this meeting Mrs. Smith, our 4-H leader's assistant, gave us pamphlets on how to do our activities better.

Until next month at 4-H...

Your Reporter for Mrs. Piland's class ALISON SMITH

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Lines Should Be Drawn In Dirty Politics

by: Phil Schindler

I think the line should be drawn somewhere in this modern age of dirty politics. Recently while watching an afternoon television program with my nephew, during a 2 minute commercial break views were subjected to 4 political advertisements which defined "mud-slinging." Toward the end of the break a preview for an upcoming "Jerry Springer" episode was aired and it looked to have higher morals than the so-called "political" advertisements.

Be reminded that all this was seen while watching a program intended for children, nonetheless! How can any politician have a "moral platform" when their entire campaign is based on dirty politics?

Another question raised is "Why exactly are these people elected?" I certainly can't be to uphold an important duty or office. If that was the case, more attention would be

focused on that position and not the elected person or person's involvement in the latest scandal. Should a candidate's resume read like a trashy talk show topic? One so trashy that no network would dare air it? I remember a time when scandals were left up to soap operas and Hollywood "hot-shots." Now such scandals take place in finding the latest dirt on a political candidate.

During Kennedy's term in office an affair was rumored with Marilyn Monroe, and if she hadn't been an actress it wouldn't have even received a second glance. Nowadays the President can't even smile at a woman other than his wife without rumors buzzing around like gnats in a Georgia August.

Do we really elect people just to invade their personal lives? A local voter from Elba, when asked about her feelings towards this year's campaign had these words to say, "Well, I wish I could see into the future, because I would vote for whoever picked up their signs first."



COMPUTER LAB VISITED... Pictured above are Mrs. M. Crawford showing Mrs. Amy Danner the Gateway Computers in the Enterprise computer lab. Mrs. Danner, who is a member of EHS Business Education Department Craft Advisory Committee, met recently to tour the department, meet the business teachers, and discuss upcoming industry certification requirements of the department.

They marched in the parade at ten o'clock on November 7, around the square in Troy. Afterwards, the band and the cheerleaders of the Troy State campus as they received a plaque during the pre-game ceremonies for their diligent participation in the parade.

When the Trojans finally took the field against Nicholls State the EHS Marching Tigers watched in the stands as they enthusiastically cheered the team to victory.

• Creative Writing Club will sponsor "Pictures of Pets with Santa" Pets may be brought to Pet Source in West Gate Shopping Center in Enterprise on Saturday, Dec. 5, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Two 5 x 7 photos will cost \$10, and proceeds will go toward publishing the club's annual literary collection, *The Cornithian*. Photos may be picked up the following Saturday, during the same hours.

• Short stories, poetry, essays, and short plays are now being accepted for consideration for *The Cornithian*. Submissions from residents in Coffee, Dale, Geneva, and Pike Counties will be considered. Deadline for submissions is Dec. 11. Items must include the author's name, address, and telephone number, and be submitted to Montez Vickers, Enterprise State Junior College, P.O. Box 1300, Enterprise, AL 36331. For more information on any of the above events, contact Montez Vickers at 393-ESJC, Ext. 216.

Tiger Band News

by: Daniel Murdock

For the past few years it has become a tradition at Elba High School for the Elba Marching Tiger Band to participate in the Troy State Homecoming Parade.

They marched in the parade at ten o'clock on November 7, around the square in Troy. Afterwards, the band and the cheerleaders of the Troy State campus as they received a plaque during the pre-game ceremonies for their diligent participation in the parade.

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Service Personnel News

BARR COMPLETES BASIC

Army Pvt. Erin R. Barr has graduated from basic military training at Ft. Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the training, the soldier received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Barr is the daughter of Robert P. and Sheila G. Barr of New Brockton. She is a 1998 graduate of New Brockton High School.

DIXON IN FT. JACKSON

Army Pvt. Angie M. Dixon has entered basic military training at Ft. Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldier will study the Army mission and receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history and traditions, and special training in human relations.

Dixon, a 1990 graduate of Elba High School, is the daughter of Mary A. Dixon of Elba. Her husband, Victor, is the son of O.D. Andrews and Corena Andrews of Enterprise.

HORTON ENTERS BASIC

Army Pvt. Jason L. Horton has entered basic military training at Ft. Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the training, the soldier will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, map reading, tactics, military customs and courtesies, physical fitness and first aid.

Horton is the son of Verna and Danny Smith of Rt. 1, New Brockton, and is a 1998 graduate of Zion Chapel High School.

LOTT IN DELAYED ENTRY PROGRAM

Shannon D. Lott has joined the U.S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Lott, a 1998 graduate of Elba High School, will report to Ft. Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for basic training Dec. 30. She is the daughter of Deborah D. Lott of Rt. 1, Elba.

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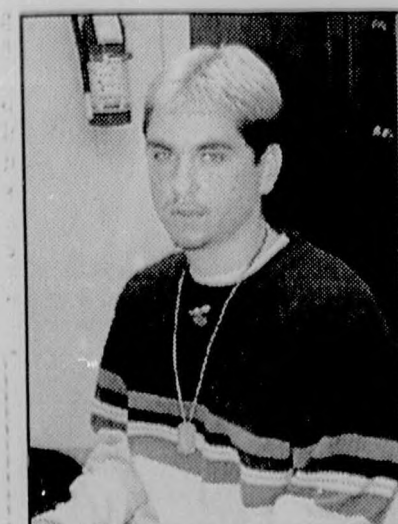


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Rebel News Editor



by: Cristy Houston

Blake Weeks has been chosen as editor for the REBEL NEWS for the 1998-99 school year.

Blake is the 17-year-old son of Dikes and Kathy Weeks. He has one older brother, Ashley. He is a member of FBLA, FFA, and the Annual Staff. In his spare time he enjoys skateboarding, rollerblading, and occasionally hunting. Blake is employed by Kelly's Bar-B-Que in Elba.

After high school Blake plans to attend Auburn University and major in journalism.

When asked what he thinks about being chosen he said, "I was surprised about being chosen editor. But since I want to go into journalism, I should really be able to use the experience."



Zion Chapel High School
REBEL NEWS
Rachel Bryan.

ZC's FHA Chapter Participates In State Project

by: Angie Laney

The Zion Chapel Chapter of Future Homemakers of America participated in a state project called Student Body.

The purpose of the Student Body project was to target a group of people and make them more aware of their nutrition lifestyles. The project was divided into three parts including research, development, and recognition of members participating.

The members of the football team were targeted for this project. It was decided that the football team needed to be more aware of their health, especially during the season. The chapter researched information about teen athletes. Research indicated that what would be the best choice of food to be eaten by members of the football team on game day and how many calories would be burned up during a practice or a game.

It took about two weeks to get all of the information needed to further the project. Next was the project idea. The group read through the Student

Body handbook to get specific ideas for the project. The final decision was to hold a breakfast for the football team on Friday October 23, 1998. This way the FHA members would know that the football team had eaten a healthy breakfast.

The football team had to fill out surveys the week before the breakfast so that the FHA members could chart how the team ate on a weekly basis. They were asked: "Do you usually eat breakfast on game days?" "How often do you go out to eat?" "When you go out to eat what kind of food do you usually eat?"

Along with this personal survey, the group was asked to write down everything that they had eaten the week of the project. These surveys were returned to Mrs. Hobbs on the day of the breakfast.

At the breakfast, a six minute

FBLA Officers' Training & Fall Leadership Conference

by: Carissa Walker

Members of the Zion Chapel Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) attended the 1998 Officer Training Conference and National Fall Leadership Conference in Birmingham, Alabama, November 6-7. There was a General Session on Friday to begin the Officer Training Conference. It was an Alabama state meeting. Lenora Walker Pate was one of



Pictured above (l-r) are: seated - April Grissett, Lashell Marler, Alisha Walker, Kendra Ward, and Heather Halsey; standing - Justin Law, Cristy Houston, Heather Arnold, Carissa Walker, Tara Grant, and Matt Dunn.

the speakers. She is serving on the Executive Committee for the Jefferson-Blount-St. Clair Mental Health/Mental Retardation Authority and on the Advisory Board of Green Hospital. She is an honor graduate of Cumberland School of Law and she practices law with Strote & Permut, P.C., in Birmingham.

Wanda Rushing spoke about etiquette. She is the Deputy chief of Protocol for Air University where she provides protocol expertise. Ms. Rushing has been trained and certified as a Corporate Etiquette and International Protocol Consultant by The Protocol School of Washington in Washington, D.C. She serves as the liaison between Air University and the city of Montgomery on special events involving the civilian community.

The local officers then went to workshops designed specifically for their office. The workshops were led by state and district officers. They taught the responsibility of the office and what qualities would make a person a better officer.

Concurrent workshops were held next. These included "Leadership is More than a Position," "Effective Self Presentation," "These were held to teach FBLA members how to be leaders and about projects in which a chapter could participate.

The Opening General Session for the National Fall Leadership Conference was held after dinner. Jason Dorsey, the motivational speaker, spoke about making choices.

That night there was a Tailgate Party and Dance for everyone enrolled.

The officers for the Zion Chapel Chapter of Future Business Leaders were unavailable for a picture when they were in Birmingham. They are: President April Grissett, Vice President Lashell Marler, Vice President Alisha Walker, Vice President Kendra Ward, Vice President Heather Halsey, Vice President Justin Law, Recording Secretary Cristy Houston, Corresponding Secretary Heather Arnold, Treasurer Carissa Walker, Parliamentarian Tara Grant, and Historian Matt Dunn. The Chapter has five vice presidents because there is a vice president chosen to represent each of the business classes in which about 100 members are enrolled.

Fall Royalty Chosen At ZC

ZC'S HARVEST KING AND QUEEN CROWNED

by: Josh Faircloth

The 1998 Zion Chapel Harvest King and Queen are Tanner Grant and Hayden Ellis.

The boy and girl that raised the most money for the elementary school was selected as Harvest King and Queen. Altogether, \$5,603 was raised for the elementary school.

Tanner Grant is the son of Wayne and Melissa Grant. He is in Mrs. Parrish's first grade class. Tanner did many things to raise the money for Harvest King. He had a toy walk, sold a chance on a \$25 gift certificate at Wal-Mart, a chance on a slaughtered hog, chances on a Beanie Baby, held a womanless beauty pageant, and sold candy.

Hayden Ellis is the daughter of Allen and Twyler Ellis. She is in Mrs. Lisa Smith's kindergarten class. To raise the money, Hayden had to do many different things. She sold chances on a \$100 bill and sold candy. During the Fall Festival, she also had a mini-auction and a hayride.

ZC'S HARVEST QUEEN CROWNED

by: Cristy Houston

The 1998 Harvest Queen for the middle school is Amber Henderson.

In order to be considered for this title participants had to pay a \$20 fee and raise money for the middle school. Amber sold candy before school and during break, while her mother sold cakes at Dorsey's and in the community. She raised a total of \$855 to be donated to the middle school. The Harvest Queen fund raiser is sponsored by the Middle School Student Government Association and their sponsor, Mrs. Jane Coale.

Amber is the daughter of Anita Henderson and the granddaughter of Wayne and Mary Waters. She is an active member in SGA where she serves as secretary. She also serves as vice-president of the Jr. Beta Club. Her hobbies include riding a four-wheeler with her grandpa, talking on the phone, and spending time with family and friends.

Amber was crowned by last year's queen, Anna Miller. She had the honor of riding in the homecoming parade in a convertible loaned to her by a car dealer in Ozark. The car company loaned the car to Amber for advertising.

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Rebel News Briefs

ZION CHAPEL COMPETES IN ENERGY BOWL

by: Charlie Maddox

Justin Law, Terra Grant, Matt Nelson, Lashell Marler, and Stacey Cape participated in the Energy Bowl sponsored by Alabama Power and held at Landmark Park. They won the first match against Pike County, but were eliminated after the next two rounds with losses to Dothan High School and Houston County.

Each team member was given a folder with 12 pamphlets with various information about energy to prepare for the contest. Each team consisted of four people with one alternate. Everyone had buzzers, the moderator would call out a toss-up question, and whoever hit the buzzer first got a chance to answer the question. If answered correctly, the team received 10 points and was asked a bonus question. The bonus question was also worth 10 points. There was a total of 25 toss-up questions.

STUDENTS ATTEND FARM CITY ACTIVITY

by: Kendra Ward

Ryan Leverett, Angie Laney, Kendra Ward, and Coach John McCrory attended Farm City Week activity at the New Brockton Extension Services Community Room on Nov. 5, 1998. Many students were recognized at the Coffee County Cattlemen's press conference. Students from Enterprise, Zion Chapel, New Brockton, Elba, and Kinston were invited to attend. Ryan Leverett was chosen for excellence in Agricultural Education. Angie Laney was chosen for excellence in Family and Consumer Sciences Education. Kendra Ward was chosen for excellence in Business Education. They will be awarded plaques at a banquet on Nov. 19.

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By Ricky Mularz

I always thought it would be great when the girls got older and could handle some of their own chores. One of those chores is washing clothes, and I felt good about Melissa washing her own clothes until recently, when I started checking the machine to see just what she was washing. One night I found a single pair of socks in the machine, while another time I found one pair of jeans, and on another occasion I discovered two t-shirts. It was bad enough that the washing machine had to use lots of water to get the extra small loads clean, but it was even worse when the dryer had to work all that time on high to get the same items dry. Saturday we discussed what a load really was, and maybe now at least she will put two pairs of jeans or three pairs of socks in at the same time!

ELBA ENDS SEASON WITH PLAYOFF LOSS TO LUVERNE

The Elba Tigers and their coaches knew going into last week's playoff game with Luverne that three things would have to happen if the Tigers were to have any chance at all of winning the football game. One, the Tigers would have to stop All-State quarterback Rodney Lowery. Two, the Tigers would have to establish a running game. Three, the Tigers would have to put points on the scoreboard. After the game, a glance at the stats showed that Oliver gained 146 yards rushing and scored two touchdowns, while Elba had managed only 56 yards rushing on 33 carries and had failed to score a point. The Tigers failed to do any of the three things it took to win, and looking back, it was a tribute to the players and their determination that the 18-0 loss wasn't any greater.

The Elba offense never mounted anything resembling a scoring threat against Luverne and managed a total of only 79 yards in total offense. Elba put the ball in play on 11 different possessions against Luverne, and except for the times the Tigers started at the Luverne 48 and the Luverne 41, the Elba offense never once drove across midfield. The Tigers' longest possession was only eight plays, and it only managed to get to the Elba 47-yard line. The Elba offense had shown signs of coming together in recent games both on the ground and in the air; however, Friday night the offense simply got nothing going and was shut out on the scoreboard.

The Elba defense played hard for all four quarters, and while it did give up 18 points, all three touchdowns came on big plays, as Luverne had scoring runs of 31 and 28 yards, and a scoring pass of 24 yards. The Tiger defense turned Luverne away after a fumble at the Elba 35-yardline early in the game, and twice stopped Luverne inside the Elba 25-yardline late in the half. Luverne failed to even make a first down in the fourth quarter, when it needed to run out the clock, and even in defeat the defense went down fighting.

The playoff loss was simply a repeat of what happened to the Tigers for much of the season. The offense struggled to get anything going and failed to put points on the scoreboard, while the defense battled until the final horn, only to give up some big plays that resulted in touchdowns. No one is proud of the 3-8 record, but forget the record for just a minute and give the players credit for giving it their all for all 11 games. It can never be said that the Tigers ever quit!

BRANTLEY ROLLS ON, BROCKTON MAKES EARLY EXIT

The high school football playoffs completed their second round last week, and while the Brantley Bulldogs remained alive with a big win over previously unbeaten Florala, New Brockton made an early exit with a 26-13 setback to Maplesville.

The Brantley Bulldogs and Florala Wildcats were in the 1A spotlight last week, and it was the Bulldogs that emerged the victor as Brantley posted a very impressive 17-7 win over the high-scoring Wildcats. Brantley used its size and strength on defense to slow down the speedy Florala backs, and used its own speed on offense to break away for two big touchdowns that proved to be enough to get the win. Brantley has only two starters that are seniors and weren't expected to be a threat for the 1A crown in '98, but the Bulldogs are now a real threat this season, and are only two wins away from a trip to Legion Field.

The New Brockton Gamecocks gave the highly-favored Maplesville Red Devils all they could handle, but fell short in a gallant effort and were eliminated from the playoffs 26-13. The Gamecocks scored late in the half on a trick play to pull within 8-6 at intermission, but saw Maplesville put the brakes on Lee Flowers, and in doing so apply the brakes on the Gamecock offense. The Gamecocks' 6-6 record won't find its way into the record books, but it was one of the Gamecocks' toughest schedules ever, and the six wins were something to be proud of.

STATE PLAYOFFS CREATE EXCITEMENT IN ROUND TWO

The high school football playoffs have now completed two rounds, and the second round action was filled with action in all six classes. Here's a quick look back at what happened last week.

***CLASS 6A - Alma Bryant continued its Cinderella season with a 21-12 win over Central, of Phenix City, and moved to 12-0 on the season, while Robert E. Lee was stopped inside the one-yardline on two straight plays in its 21-17 loss to Opelika. In somewhat of an upset, Vigor stunned Central, of Tuscaloosa 21-7, and made it into the third round.

***CLASS 5A - The most action took place up in Eufaula where undefeated Blount tamed the Tigers 36-12, in a game that included almost 300 yards in penalties and saw one captain from each team ejected after getting into a shoving match during the coin toss. In action involving area teams, Opp was upset by Wilcox Central 12-7 and Greenville was blanked by Sylacauga 10-0.

***CLASS 4A - T.R. Miller lost three games during the regular season and was supposed to fall early in the playoffs; however, the Tigers lit up the scoreboard for the second straight week and disposed of Talladega 37-8 to make it to the third round. Clarke County stayed alive with a wild 43-42 win over Jemison, while top-ranked Alexandria kept its repeat title hopes alive with a 19-0 win over Wilcox.

***CLASS 3A - Top-ranked Briarwood rolled past Leroy 42-18 to improve to 12-0, and it looks like the Birmingham private school may finally get a state title in football. Closer to home, defending champ Aliceville stomped Excel 41-10 and UMS-Wright lost to Montgomery Academy 28-15, in a battle of big money private schools from Montgomery and Mobile.

***CLASS 2A - Top-ranked Lineville needed two overtimes to get past Hazelwood 21-14, while perennial-power Clay County rolled over Sand Hills 40-15. Closer to home, Highland Home ran wild in a 40-14 win over Arton and Wicksburg stunned Georgiana 17-0 to make it to the third round.

***CLASS 1A - Brantley's big 17-7 win over Florala grabbed the most headlines, while Parrish continued to steamroll all challengers with a 47-8 win over Ragland. In South Alabama news, Frisco City surprised G.W. Long with a 14-8 win. St. Jude averaged an early-season loss to Autaugaville by eliminating the Eagles 29-12.

HITS AND MISSES...

***The New Brockton Junior High Lady Gamecocks had quite a week on the basketball court as they shut out Kinston 32-0 and allowed only two buckets in a 23-4 win over Elba. Scoring 55 points in two games is quite a feat in junior high action, but holding the opponents to a total of four points in two games is even wilder.

***The Coffee County Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament will tip off next week with eight teams competing for the crown in both boys and girls action. The tournament began last season and was a huge success, and this year will be held at both New Brockton and Kinston. All true basketball fans should make plans now to check it out!

***The NBA season is still on hold, but as long as Nike keeps running its commercials with Spike Lee and other stars I think we are better off. The commercials are cute and fun to watch, and if the season ever does start they will have to be stopped. Keep the commercials and let the NBA take the year off.

***The Elba 8th graders posted a 5-0 record in football, and at weeks' end stood 8-0 in basketball. There is no doubt that the youngsters are very talented and work hard to win, and Elba fans should come out and watch these guys play. They will convince you that better days are ahead.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PLIODS THROUGH PLAYOFFS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by over the weekend and didn't even get into an argument before dropping off this week's prep playoff picks. The local guesspet hit on 16 of 19 picks last week, and has now connected on 49 of 57 picks in the post-season. Not bad!

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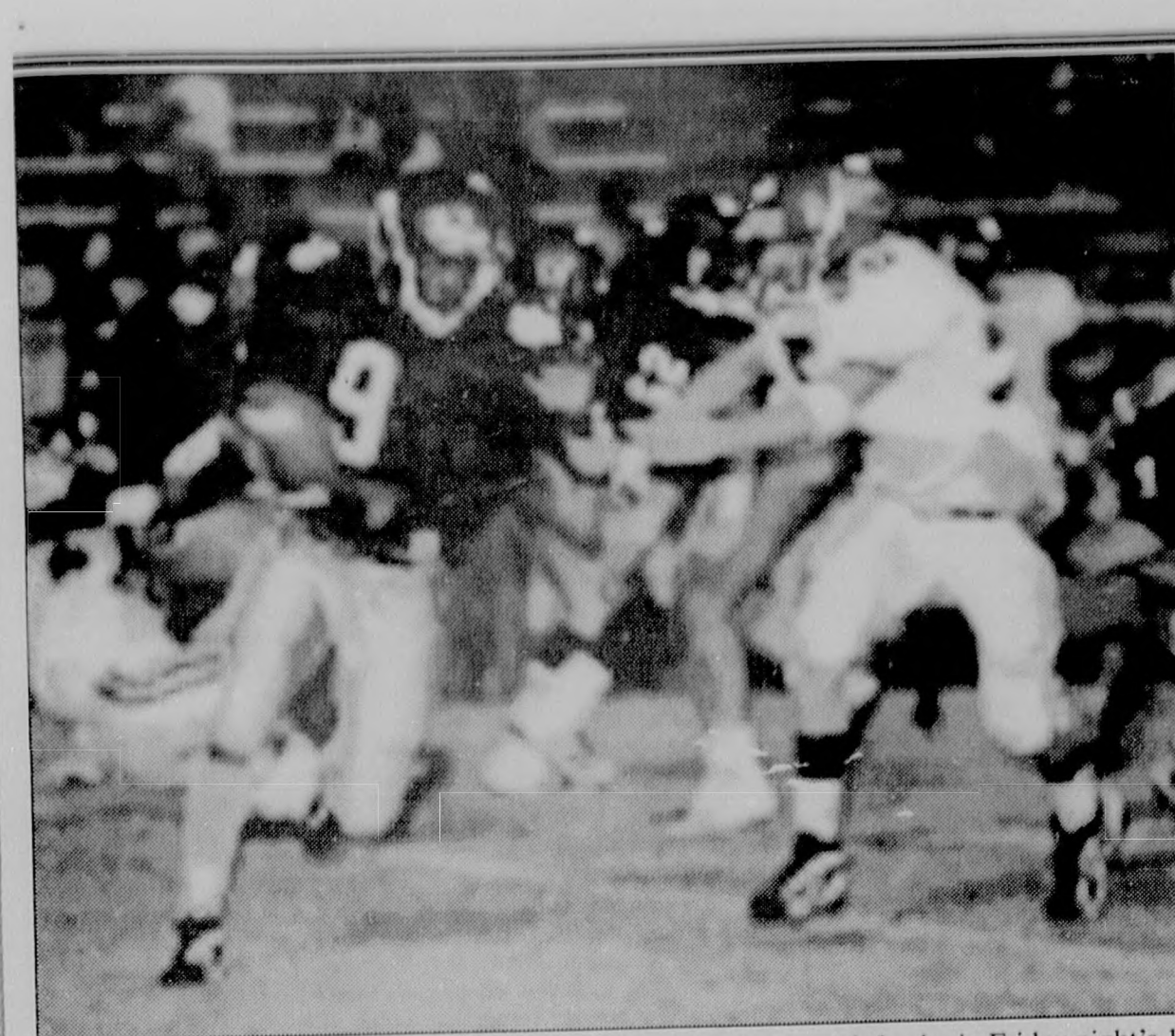
If the Bulldogs take the Pirates lightly they could find themselves on the basketball court a couple of weeks earlier than planned. St. Jude has won seven games and played a very tough schedule, and it will take the best effort Brantley can give to leave the big city with a win. In a real 1A battle give it to...

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SPORTS



Elba quarterback Eric Jordan (9) tries to get outside a Luverne defender in Friday night's 18-0 playoff loss. The loss left the Tigers with a 3-8 record for the year.

Ousted from 3A playoffs

Tigers fall hard to Luverne 18-0

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers saw their late-season surge come to an abrupt end Friday night in the second round of the Class 3A football playoffs as the Luverne Tigers came to town and left with an impressive 18-0 win.

The win improved Luverne's record to 10-2 and moved it into the quarterfinals of the 3A playoffs, while Elba saw its season end with a 3-8 slate.

The Tigers opened the game with a bang as Tony Burks returned the opening kick-off 32 yards to put Elba in business at the Luverne 48-yardline. Three plays left Elba facing a fourth down and 19, however, and the Tigers turned the ball over to Luverne at the Elba 43-yardline when a pass on a fake punt failed to connect.

Luverne's high-powered offense was ready to roll, and did just that as it marched 43 yards in five plays to grab the early lead.

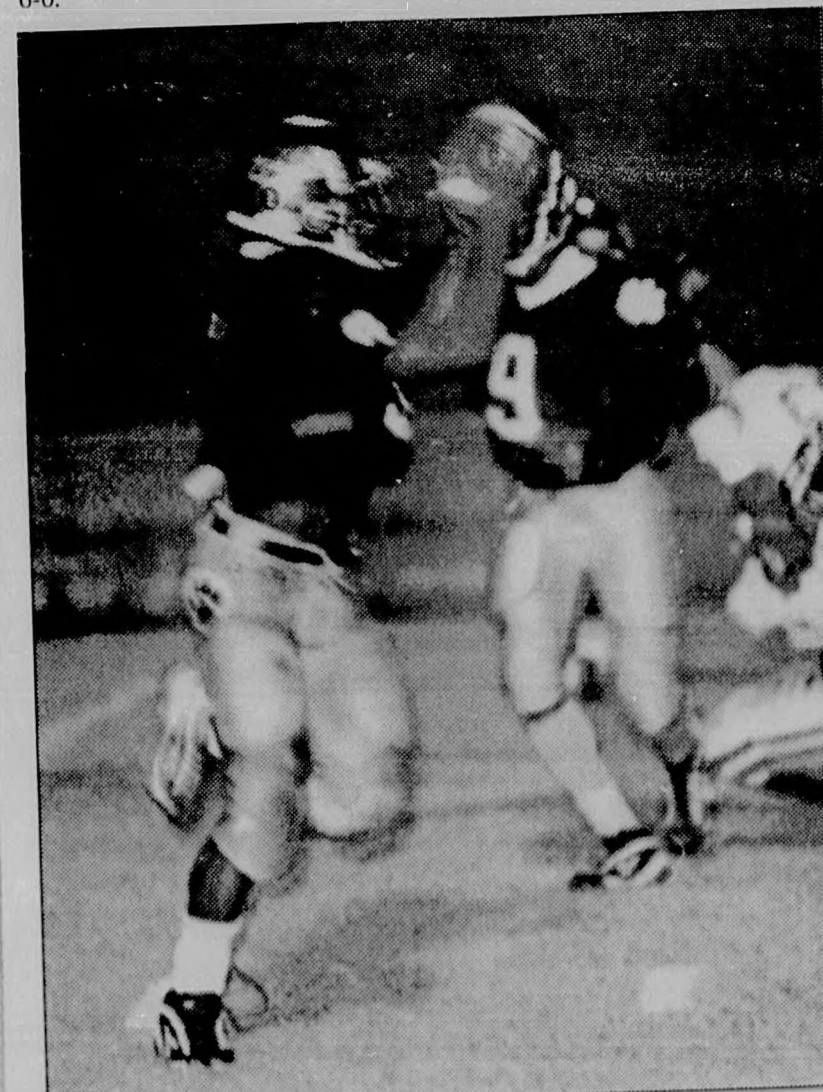
A 10-yard scamper by Rodney Lowery on third down and eight kept the drive alive early, and it was Lowery that scored the touchdown on a 31-yard run. The extra-point failed, but with 7:28 left in the first quarter Luverne was already on top 6-0.

Luverne got the ball right back when Elba fumbled the ensuing kickoff at the Elba 35-yardline; however, this time the Elba defense was up to the task, and after three plays forced a Luverne punt from the 44-yardline.

Elba's offense showed signs of life late in the first quarter as it moved the chains twice after being nailed down at its own 16-yardline on a Luverne punt. The short drive came entirely on the ground and was sparked by the running of Keni Mitchell, Tony Burks, and Eric Jordan, but came to end at the Elba 43-yardline with an Elba punt.

Luverne began another drive on its first possession of the second quarter and marched 51 yards in eight plays to reach the Elba 25-yardline. The drive was highlighted by the running of Travis Oliver and appeared to be headed to the Tiger endzone, only to be side-tracked when Elba's Bradley Bowers pounced on a Luverne fumble at the 24-yardline.

Elba's Kevin Dodd recovered another Luverne fumble at the Elba 25-yardline with 1:52 left in the half to stop yet another Luverne scoring threat, and at the half Luverne went into the dressing room with a 6-0 advantage.



Elba's Tony Burks (3) reaches high to pull in a pitch-out from quarterback Eric Jordan (9) in last week's second round playoff loss to Luverne.

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Luverne received the second half kick and marched 56 yards in only four plays to reach the Elba endzone.

A 23-yard pass from Rodney Lowery to Jimmy Ballard on third down and five was a key play in the scoring drive, while the touchdown came on a 28-yard scamper by Lowery. The two-point try failed, leaving Luverne with a 12-0 lead with 9:53 remaining in the third quarter.

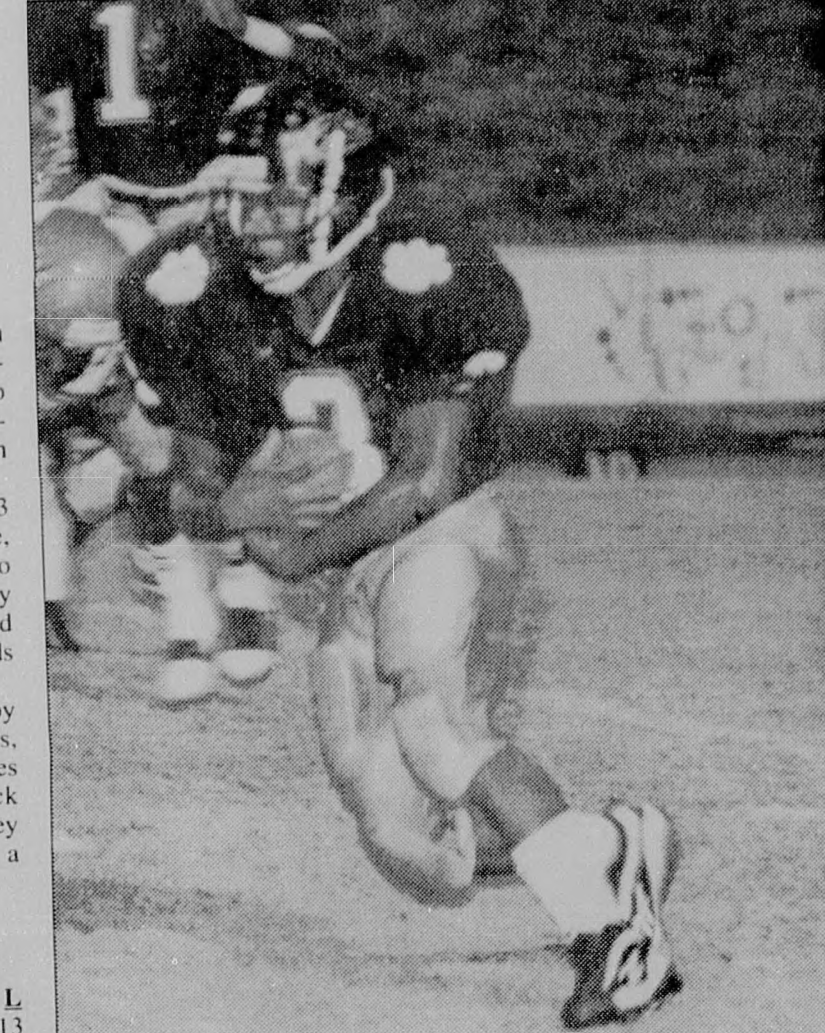
Luverne began its next offensive series at its own 7-yardline following an interception, and took control of the game by driving 93 yards in 11 plays to score its third touchdown of the night.

Rodney Lowery gained 21 yards on third down and one and later completed a 30-yard pass to Tony Parks to spark the scoring drive, while Dee Crittenden completed a 23-yard pass to Parks and then hit Terry McGhee on a 24-yard strike to put Luverne back in the endzone. The two-point try was intercepted by Eric Jordan, but it made little difference as Luverne was in command with an 18-0 lead with 1:55 left in the third quarter.

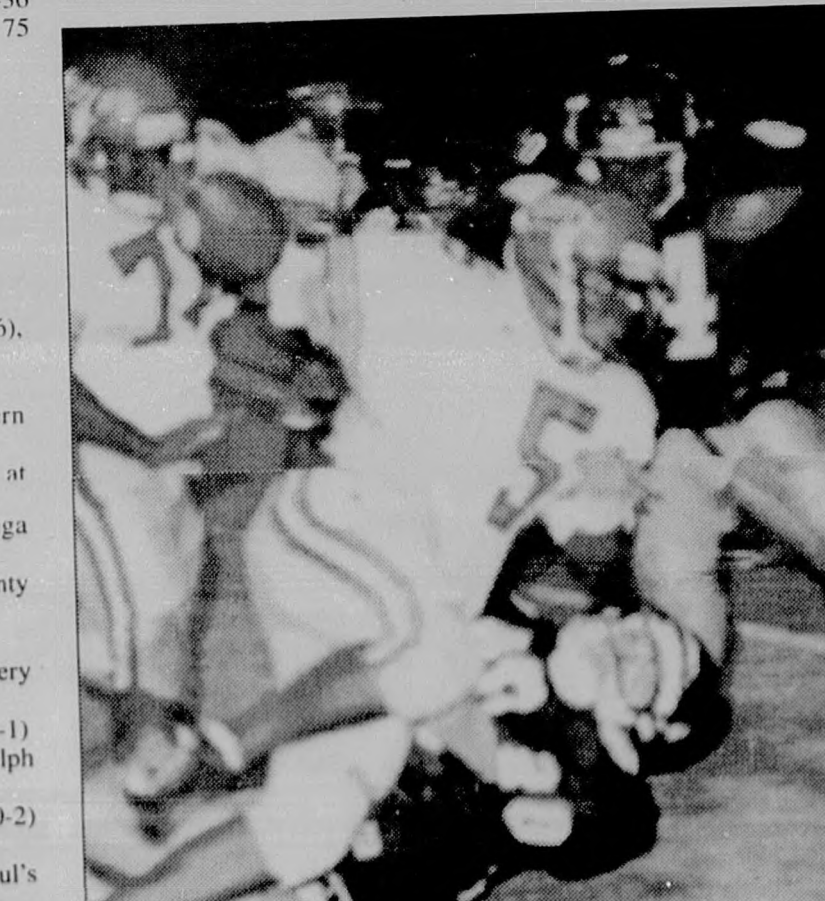
Elba lost fumbles on its next two possessions to kill any hopes of a comeback, and while the Tigers did



SENIOR BAND MEMBERS...of the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band were honored at halftime of the opening round playoff game against Washington County. Seniors pictured above include (l-r) Daniel Ward, Justin Maddox, Brian Luckett, Glenn Davis, Bucky Carlile, Emily Bryan, Deann Farris, Anna Maddox, Reese Grantham, Kasey Henderson, Tasha Lee, Connie Moody, Shanille Rowe and Elizabeth Stephens.



Elba tailback Tony Burks (3) looks for room to run as he heads outside the Luverne defense. Burks led the Tiger offense in the second round match-up.



Elba defensive back Josh Lawford (20) holds on as teammate Keni Mitchell (4) comes in to help bring down a Luverne runner. The Tigers were eliminated from the Class 3A playoffs with the 18-0 loss to Luverne.

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Tournament, Coach Marlon Johnston is optimistic about what lies ahead for the Tigers this season. "We have been practicing for the past two weeks," said Coach Johnston, "but we only had five of the varsity players taking part due to football, and that means we will

have a lot of players with a lot of catching up to do in a hurry. We will have most of last year's team back this season and should be much improved, but it could take a while before we are able to settle into a starting line-up due to all the players that were playing football."

Leading the way for the Tigers this season will be 6'5" sophomore Tim Ware, the Tigers' leading scorer a year ago, as well as point-guard Eric Jordan, the team's #2 scorer and one of the quickest players on the team. Other returning players will include Mark Wicker, Wayne

Reed, O'Shay Hammond, Daniel Marduck and Josh Hodge.

"I am confident that we could start the season today with the five varsity players that have been working and be okay," added Johnston, "and over the early part of the season those five will be called upon to lead

the way. As the rest of the players get their legs under them, we'll work in a lot of different line-ups and be able to get after folks like we want to."



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County Commission votes to establish Advisory Council on Drugs

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission, in regular session Monday morning, took action on several items of business ranging from awarding bids to establishing an advisory council on drugs.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks, in expressing his concerns about the drug problem that exists in Coffee County, offered a motion to establish an Advisory Council on Drugs.

He pointed out several specific problems - as he sees them - as being: drugs in the schools, only drug pushers - not drug dealers being jailed, an appearance that most of the drug-related arrests are black youth, the loss of some of the best young minds to the drug culture, and the appearance that most of our state and local governments are focusing on the issues that will not make our government a strong democracy.

Brooks proposed that the council work in conjunction with the drug task force, the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, city councils, police departments, and other law enforcement agencies.

The composition of the council would be as follows: two individuals (one black & one white) representing the ministers' alliance; two representatives (one black & one white) from Enterprise, Elba and New Brockton; one individual from Kinross; two at-large youths; two individuals representing community organizations; and two retired police

officers. Total number of individuals on the council to be 15.

In his proposal, Brooks suggested that each city council or agency meet in a public forum to select their

representatives to serve on the advisory council.

He also proposed that the terms of the members be staggered, and that the advisory council draft its own operating policy and procedures.

Commissioner Brooks outlined the specific functions of the council as follows: (1) Monitor and assess drug-related activities; (2) Render technical assistance to these agencies; task force, police departments, and sheriff's department; (3) Make quarterly reports to each city council and county commission; (4) Seek drug-related help from state and federal governments; and (5) Work with the media on drug-related matters.

"During the last four years, we have had a more rapid response to any emergency than we have ever had in the history of the Emergency Management Agency," said Webb.

"Our relationship with FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) is the best that it has ever been!"

He continued, "We have had more grant money poured into the county for the last four years than any time

in history to aid in emergency management. In short, the emergency management system in Alabama is considered by FEMA to be one of the best - if not the best - in the nation."

"It is my opinion that this is all due to the leadership of Lee Helms who started with the state agency in the 70's."

The director noted that Helms' position as director of the state agency is an appointed one and he serves at the pleasure of the governor of the state. Webb requested that the commission join 12 other counties of the state in passing a resolution urging Governor-Elect Don Siegelman to leave Helms in place as director of EMA for the good of the people of Alabama. It was noted that 40-50 other counties are also considering passage of the same resolution.

The commission unanimously passed the resolution as requested by Webb.

Webb also told commissioners that the first stage of the computerized monitoring system of rainfall,

stream flows and forecasting was in place and should be completed in the near future.

During the general business session from the commissioners, Commissioner Robert Stephens offered a motion that only one sign per mile per candidate be allowed on the rights-of-way of county roads.

The motion was tabled for further discussion. Stephens voted against tabling the matter.

Commissioner Stephens also asked about what was being done (investigation) concerning the missing money in the Probate Office in Elba.

Commission Chairman Kayo Lewis said, "They [sheriff's investigators and Elba police investigators] are investigating. They are planning on giving polygraph tests to the employees. It is my understanding that the [probate] judge is responsible for the money. If they refuse to take the tests or whatever and they don't find it, he's liable, my understanding is, to replace the money."

Commissioner Linda Westbrook suggested that the commission, before the first of the year, look into the possibility of establishing some kind of animal control (strays) for the county.

Under the heading of "old business," commissioners awarded one bid and tabled two others until the next meeting.

The bid for the construction of concrete ditch flumes on Co. Rd. 617 was awarded to H&L Construction of Troy, AL, contingent on the approval by the Alabama Department of Transportation. Their bid was low at \$50,367.00.

There were five bids submitted on the county highway department on an as-needed basis. Bids were submitted on a per-hour/quantity basis.

Two area contractors - Apple Enterprises Incorporated (Heavy Earth Construction) of Dothan and S&C Materials & Paving Company of Troy - both submitted a bid of \$45

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NOTICE

Elba City Hall will be closed Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27, 1998. Thursday's garbage route will be divided between Wednesday & Friday. Emergency crews for the utility and street departments will be on call and can be reached by calling the Elba Police Department at 897-2555.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL The Christmas Festival Parade will be held Saturday, November 28, at 5:00 p.m. Any group or individual interested in participating should contact Kaye Whitworth at 897-3669 or call the Elba Chamber of Commerce Office at 897-3125.

ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY OPEN The Elba Public Library is back on a full schedule and is in need of all the books that were checked out prior to the flood. Patrons having these books are asked to return them immediately. There will be no late charges applied.

Elba's city council meeting brief

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council held a brief meeting Monday in which they heard several reports, but cast only one vote.

Helen McCallough was appointed to another term on the Elba Housing Authority. Mayor James Grimes said told council members she had agreed to serve another term if the council so desired. The vote for reappointment was unanimous.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow updated the council on the cost of purchasing new garbage trucks if the city council decides to get back into the garbage pick-up business.

A rear loader truck with 18 to 20 cubic yard capacity will cost

between \$68,000 and \$72,000, Morrow said. This will be for picking up household garbage.

A front loader truck with a 35 cubic yard capacity will cost about \$120,000. This type truck is to empty the large dumpsters at commercial and industrial establishments.

Another report showed council members the estimated cost and income from the garbage service. Estimated income for the year is \$252,204, while expenses total \$264,548.33.

The expense figure is the sum of \$201,411.56 paid to the present garbage contractor, based on 1800 pick-ups weekly plus \$63,136.77.

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